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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ, through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

FIVE MONTHS' CHECKUP — (U. S. and CANADA) August-December, 1948, compared with August-December, 1949

Saved		Sanctified		Bap. with H. G.	
1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
28,227	38,511	10,284	16,175	2,652	10,063
Gain in membership since July 31, 1949 (7 months), 9,818.					

COVER PICTURE

MESA, Ariz.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival, with Evangelist Rev. V. C. Sechler, of Fresno, Calif., doing the preaching. God blessed us in a wonderful way. Several nights His presence was so strong that the evangelist did not get to minister the Word. There were 19 saved, 5 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 7 baptized in water. Several testified to the wonderful healing power and what God did for them. The Sunday School broke the all-time record, which had been 135, with 184 present the last Sunday of the revival, when this picture was taken. We are glad for the progress the church has made under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. F. L. McClung, and his wife, with the co-operation of the good friends and members of the church. We appreciate the services of our evangelist and the blessing he was to the church. We are looking for God to do greater things in Mesa.—Church Reporter.

PUBLISHING HOUSE VISITORS

On Monday, April 10, we were highly honored by a visit from Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Cook, of Oakley, Calif., where Brother Cook is now serving his second year as pastor. Brother Cook and his church has realized a gain in every department. The Sunday School attendance has grown from 172 to 280. Since their last state camp meeting, his church has been blessed with 5 revivals, in which numbers of souls have received definite spiritual experiences. The present membership is 82, and both Brother and Sister Cook are delighted with having such wonderful people with whom to work. They are thrilled over the progress the Church of God is making through California under the leadership of their good state overseer, J. H. Hughes. It was indeed a pleasure to have Brother and Sister Cook visit us, and we trust they will repeat the visit, which we believe they will because Brother Cook's parting words were that the kindred fellowship and association had been a matter of inspiration to him that he would never forget.

EVANGEL COUNT FOR MARCH, 1950

Alabama	936
Arizona	55
Arkansas	215
California	36
Connecticut	24
Colorado	34
Delaware	1,436
Florida	2,559
Georgia	36
Idaho	453
Illinois	254
Indiana	84
Iowa	112
Kansas	624
Kentucky	362
Louisiana	98
Maine	158
Maryland	4
Massachusetts	351
Michigan	24
Minnesota	623
Mississippi	300
Missouri	68
Montana	27
Nebraska	14
Nevada	34
New Jersey	37
New Mexico	71
New York	1,901
North Carolina	93
North Dakota	460
Ohio	428
Oklahoma	34
Oregon	327
Pennsylvania	2,343
South Carolina	94
South Dakota	831
Tennessee	342
Texas	66
Utah	41
Virginia	28
Washington	937
Washington, D. C.	13
West Virginia	5
Wisconsin	11
Wyoming	65
Central Canada	274
Western Canada	
Foreign	
TOTAL	18,244

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:
My leg to be healed.—Mrs. B. H. Smith, Ripley, Tenn.
Mrs. Irma Enlow to be healed of T.B.—Mary Traylor, New Verda, La.
My daughter to be healed of T.B.—Mrs. Pailee Colwell, Austin, Ind.
The healing of my body.—Mittie Walters, Brooklyn, Miss.
Our church to have a revival.—Louise Rogers.
My husband to be saved; my sister to receive the Holy Ghost; my brother-in-law to give up smoking.—Mrs. Beatrice Perkins, Cyclone, W. Va.
My wife and me.—I. J. James, Seaford, Del.
The healing of my body.—Ruth Holley, Huntington, W. Va.
My heart to get stronger; my family to be saved.—Mrs. J. D. Bennett, Waycross, Ga.
My sister to be healed of high blood pressure; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Margaret Key, Abbeville, S. C.
An urgent request.—B. E. Hicks and Family, Tampa, Fla.
Unsaved loved ones; unspoken request.—Besie Austin, Albany, Ga.
The healing of my body; my friends to be saved.—Florence Eastel, Mt. Airy, N. C.
The healing of my body.—Sarah J. Franklin.
The healing of my body.—Mrs. Rex Stephens, Mangham, La.
My mother.—Mary Brock, Brodhead, Ky.
My son to be healed; me to be healed.—Mrs. C. O. Walker, Black Mountain, N. C.
A lady who is blind.—Mrs. C. L. Atkinson, Bessemer, Ala.
My family.—Ethel Palmer, Seneca, S. C.

Editorials...

CRITICS

Of all the amateurs of professions, there are surely more among critics than any other class in the world. Let us point out a few of the amateurs and their reasons for criticizing.

First, the instinctive critic. His disposition is naturally averse toward things and persons, and that many times upon first sight, contact, or meeting.

Second, disappointment and failure either in love, profession, religion, or business renders him prejudiced, jealous, and envious toward those realizing success in these relations to life.

Third, inferiority complex on the part of such a person, filled with warped aspiration, excites him to the most unreasonable criticism possible.

Fourth, there is the superior complex critic who is perhaps the most unreasonable and disagreeable of all. A person of this character is not, in the first place of the intelligentsia that he prides himself of being. In fact, if he were really given a mental test on those points he claims superior knowledge of and criticizes others for being so inadequate in, his rating would be much lower than the person he feels is so utterly ignorant and incapable.

Fifth, generally, the amateur critic is like the "jack-at-all-trades," in that, although his criticism is freely given, nine times out of ten it is good for nothing but to invoke embarrassment upon himself and his object. This reminds me of the critic who had gotten himself into trouble and created quite a bit of unpleasantness for others, to be eventually told that competent and desirable critics were not only sought and hired, but paid good salaries, to which he had, at least, the good common sense to reply, "Well, now I see why I'm not getting paid for my criticizing" and, of course, his decision was heartily endorsed.

Sixth, the amateur critic is also, generally, the person who soon forgets or never realizes that he has made mistakes, and is the most drastic in his requirements of absolute perfection on the part of his neighbor, whether it is in business, social, educational, or religious life, while he himself many times lives far below even a common standard of perfection. It is this type person who can hurl destructive criticism at those about him with no compunction, apparently, whatever. Not only that, but he seems to be insensible to, or at least utterly disinterested in, the fact that words have as much germinating power as hybrid corn, which not only springs up shortly but produces a bountiful yield, and he who plants it will also be the reaper. This is the kind of critic that is so reckless with criticism as to actually misrepresent his fellow man and detract from his reputation for honesty, moral standing, and good name in general, which is nothing less than brutal, devilish, and as cruel as the grave, and certainly is nothing short of a gross violation of "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Seventh, there are, however, desirable and necessary critics. In fact, there is a definite need of expert critics in every phase of life, and if it were not for their capable service many companies could never have developed their products and merchandise to the high point of perfection that they have. It is true that they are critical critics;

that is, they look for the flaws, the faults, the imperfections, in the most minute details and instances, but they have entirely different motives in their mote-hunting endeavors to that some mote hunters have in prying into and critically analyzing and diagnosing their neighbors, fellow church members, and the church in general. Their painstaking efforts are only with one thought in mind, and that is to cooperate whole-heartedly with the company or enterprise that has employed them, so as to assure such improvements as will guarantee a greater degree of perfection and competency, which will naturally result in continued progress and success. Those critics, therefore, are known as *constructive critics*, and they are indispensable. One should keep in mind, however, that just any person is not selected to do this kind of work, the same is true in the church.

The nature of the government God set in the church is such that it requires people of like ability, but that responsibility is too great to rest upon the shoulder of just any and every member and minister. In fact, those who are really qualified are generally the least anxious to be engaged in such work. As the last sentence of 1 Cor. 14:26 is the golden rule of that chapter, which reads, "Let all things be done unto edifying," so also should it serve as a golden-rule text for critics.

LEE COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S SON INJURED

Flavius Donald Brinsfield, four-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. J. Stewart Brinsfield, was injured by a motorcycle Thursday afternoon, April 6. He darted across the highway to join his playmates and was struck down by a motorcycle. His lower jawbone was broken and he suffered other abrasions. He was confined to the hospital in Chattanooga for a few days but he is now at home under special care. His condition is fair. Brother and Sister Brinsfield request the prayers of the *Evangel* family on behalf of their son's complete recovery.

HAVE YOU SOUGHT?

FANNY J. CROSBY

Have you sought the sheep that have wandered far away on the dark mountains cold? Have you gone like the Tender Shepherd, to bring them again to the fold? Have you followed their weary footsteps, and the wild desert waste have you crossed, nor lingered 'til safe home returning, you have gathered the sheep that were lost? Have you been to the sad and the lonely whose burdens were heavy to bear? Have you carried the name of Jesus, and tenderly breathed it in prayer? Have you told of the great salvation He died on the cross to secure? Have you asked them to trust in the Saviour whose love shall forever endure? Have you knelt by the sick and dying, the message of mercy to tell? Have you stood by the trembling captive alone in his dark prison cell? Have you pointed the lost to Jesus, and urged them on Him to believe? Have you told of the life everlasting that all, if they will, may receive? If to Jesus you answer these questions, and to Him have been faithful and true, then, behold, in the mansions yonder are crowns of rejoicing for you. And there from the King Eternal your welcome and greeting shall be, "Inasmuch as 'twas done for 'my brethren,' even so it was done 'unto me.'"

God's First Question

By W. G. Lighte, Pastor, Indian Run, Ky.

Gen. 3:9, "And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?"

I know there are those who claim that man is a product of evolution, and, although I readily admit that some men (and women) have fallen below the level of the beasts of the field, and have put the God of glory and the Christ of Calvary to any open shame; have forsaken all paths of decency, righteousness, and truth; brought misery, destruction, and woe to mankind; and have, seemingly, lost all respect for themselves and their fellow men, yet, after all that, we must abide by the Word of God and not be misled by the ungodly, unholy, unrighteous, unbelieving atheists who would dare thwart the Word of God. In Gen. 2:7, we find, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." So, regardless of how loud the unbelieving atheists may shout, we find that man was formed by the Lord God.

In the creation of man, God gave His best in workmanship, and brought forth the product of His hands "IN HIS OWN IMAGE," Gen. 1:27; so, it is our contention that man, in his first creation, was in the likeness and image of God. As we observe the depravity of the human race, and the low level of disgrace and sin to which it has sunk, it is almost unbelievable that in the beginning man was in the likeness of God, his Creator. While it is true, and we should lift our hands to God in praise, that there are thousands upon thousands of true-hearted, redeemed children of God; yet, on the other hand, there are untold numbers who have adhered to the sugar-coated, silver-tongued philosophy of some book-learned, college-trained, scissor-coat-tailed preacher who tickles their itching ears (2 Tim. 4:3), takes their hard-earned money, and, by sordid means, broadens the paths for himself and his followers that lead to a devil's hell.

Just as truly as Adam was brought forth by the voice of God to give an account for his wickedness and sin, just that sure that mighty voice of the Lord God is ringing out in thun-

dering tones to mankind of our day, "Where art thou?" We may try to hide from the presence of God as did Adam; and we may have a temporary hiding place as he had, but rest assured, my friend, when God calls for you to come forth, regardless of the hiding place, whether it be behind the high society of the 400, the political field of achievement, the amen corner of the MODERNISTIC church, or under the coat-tail of the leader of the blind, you will come trembling and awe-struck before the presence of the great God of glory. There is no use to hide; it can't be done, because the Blessed Book says, "Be sure your sins will find you out." Where are you? What could you answer should He call for a reckoning today? Take the wings of the morning, fly to the regions unknown, make your dwelling place in the caves of the earth, or descend to the depths of forgetfulness of man, after all, you will answer when the Lord God in His majesty calls, "Where art thou?" Yes dear one, the fact cannot be denied that we, in due time, will be brought forth to give our account to God. Whether good or evil, righteous or unrighteous, saint or sinner, when the CALL comes from the world above, we will answer, and that without delay.

In the home life, where are we today? Juvenile delinquency has soared to unknown heights. Sex crimes are running rampant; small children are being assaulted and murdered by roaming, maddened sex fiends. Truancy, petty thefts, burglaries, and every imaginable evil is out of bounds among the young generation. Bobby-sox jitterbugs and so-called drugstore cowboys are the very core and seed of many heartaches to parents. Federal Bureau of Statistics shows that crime among the juveniles has alarmingly increased during the past ten years. There is a reason for this. Some call it the "spirit of the age," but it is my understanding that the paramount contributing cause is that mothers and fathers give but very little time to their children's spiritual welfare, while at the same time they allow them to roam at will, wherever they may desire and in whatever kind of company they may choose.



Rev. W. G. Lighte

Where are we today in our home life? The modern home today is cluttered with comic books, true-story, love, romance, and other ungodly sex literature, and at the same time the Blessed Book of Life, if they have one, is shunted off in some dark hole to be covered with dirt, dust, and rubbish. In most homes, the family prayer is a thing of the past; in fact, very little prayer is made at all (except the dry kind on Sunday while the parson is watching you). Radios have robbed many of their Christian experiences. Many so-called Christians will sit up till wee hours of the morning listening to Amos and Andy, Bing Crosby, and the crooners of the air, while their children are running at large with all kinds of associates. Mothers will dress their little girls with the scantiest of clothing and almost freeze the poor little things to death, just to be in style, and then expect these same little children to preserve their virtue from the hellhounds of this world. Mothers and fathers, if we want our little children's virtue preserved and their wits being guarded, it is time that we awake from the deep lethargy in which the devil has rocked us, and be up and about our Father's business. While mothers and fathers are carousing in wantonness in the hell holes, there are untold thousands of precious children being ensnared by the wiles of the devil. My friends, just as sure as there is a God in heaven, just as sure as the Christ of Galilee (Continued on page 15)

Some Things to Think About

He Overcame All Handicaps

Alexander Hamilton Stephens was the sickliest and most sorrowful figure ever seen. He was racked by neuralgia, tortured by dyspepsia, feverish with malaria, plagued by rheumatism, afflicted with consumption, goaded by gallstones, slashed to ribbons with a dagger—forced to move about on crutches, and physicians gave him up to die 141 times! Yet, he became the most brilliant lawyer in the S. A., was elected to Congress 14 times, became vice president of the Confederacy, and as Governor of Georgia in his 71st year (1883).

Document Said to be Jesus' Death Warrant

Somewhere secreted in Rome is a document that, if genuine, is to Christian people the most interesting and impressive legal document in the world, says the Los Angeles Times.

It is the death warrant served on Jesus Christ and rendered by Pontius Pilate, acting governor of the lower Galilee, stating that Jesus of Nazareth shall suffer death on the cross.

In 1810, workmen, while excavating in the ancient city of Amiternum (now Aquila), in the kingdom of Naples, found an antique vase in which lay concealed a copper plate bearing on one side a long inscription in the Hebrew tongue—this, when translated, was said to be the death warrant of Jesus. On the reverse side were these words, "A similar plate be sent to each tribe."

Faithfully transcribed it read as follows: "In the year seventeen of the Emperor Tiberius Caesar, and the twenty-seventh day of March, in the city of the Holy Jerusalem—Annas and Caiaphas, being priests, sacrificators of the people of God, Pontius Pilate, governor of lower Galilee, sitting in the presidential chair of the praetory, condemns Jesus of Nazareth to die on the cross between two thieves, the great and notorious evidence of people saying,

"Jesus is a seducer.

"He is seditious.

"He is the enemy of the law.

"He calls himself falsely the Son of God.

"He calls himself falsely the king of Israel.

"He entered into the temples followed by a multitude bearing palm branches in their hands.

"Ordered the first centurion Quilus Cornelius to lead him to the place of execution. Forbids any person whomsoever, either rich or poor, to oppose the death of Jesus Christ."

The witnesses who signed the condemnation were: Daniel, Robanias, a Pharisee; Raphael Robanias, Joannus Robanias, Capet, a citizen.

It was also stated that Jesus should go out of the city of Jerusalem by the gate of Struenus.

Back to God in Education

They have taken away my Lord. This is the just complaint which every truly God-fearing Christian must make concerning secularized instruction. The secularism of the schools of our land has dismissed God from His world. It has banished the Creator from creation. It has disowned the Lord of all. What "the fool has said in his heart" is now, by implication, proclaimed from the educational house-tops.

Let those who name the name of Christ listen to the full meaning of this. By ignoring God in education at least two devastating consequences are inevitable.

UNDERMINING EDUCATION

Deprive education of its vertical relation to God and we deprive it of its fundamental educative character.

If a man is a fool who says in his heart there is no God, what must we say of a school which implicitly, if not explicitly, teaches that there is no God?

The soul of education is the education of the soul. But what must we say of an education that denies the very existence of the soul?

Imparting education without basing it upon religion is sharpening tools without giving direction as to their use. Worse than that, given a depraved human nature, education without religion is education seeking its own

depraved level unhindered. Education without God is an engine without a governor. Worse than that, due to man's fallen state, education without God is an engine in reverse. "Without religious motive," says Wyatt Brown, "any education is adding power to irresponsibility."

"Mere education," said Theodore Roosevelt, "without divine guidance, is like handing a gun to an irresponsible man."

If we adhere to the Biblical principle of education and make the fear of the Lord the beginning, the chief part, of knowledge, blessings will extend not only to the field of education but also to the fields for which education prepares. On the other hand, if we remove our Lord from the scene of educational endeavor—and thereby remove "the fear of the Lord"—we undermine education in its most vital and vitalizing aspect.

The truth of these statements appears self-evident to every one who is at all conversant with the apostatizing tendency in modern churches and with the demoralizing tendency in our nation, as this is set forth in the ever-increasing figures of juvenile delinquency, crime, lawlessness, divorce, and in the general moral breakdown of modern social life.

DISHONORING GOD IN EDUCATION

An education without God dishonors our God.

If there is anything Bible believers hold high it is the honor of our God. Our God is a jealous God. He will not brook our dishonoring Him in any field of endeavor—and least of all in the field of education which is basic and formative to all other fields.

Shall we confess on the Lord's day that the glory of God is the chief end of man and during the next five days send our children to an institution which prepares them for a life in which man is set forth as the chief end of life?

The Word of God tells us that "whether therefore ye eat, or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." If the daily, physical eating and drinking of our children should be to the glory of God, should their mental and spiritual eating be less to His glory?

We contend, do we not, that our Christian life must proceed from true faith, must be in accord with the law of God, and must be to His glory—that it must not be founded on human-appr theories of life? If the life of our children should be thus, should their preparation for life consist of daily instruction which does not proceed from faith, which is not in accord with the law of God, and is not to His glory, but which is founded on the false theories of evolutionary thinking?

Not only is the well-being of our children concerned; not only do the future orthodoxy of our church and the moral integrity of our civic life hang in the balance, but the honor and glory of our God is also at stake.

Most assuredly, an educational system divorced from religion is a maladjustment of the first magnitude.

DR. MACHEN AND EDUCATION

In his Chicago address delivered in August, 1933, Dr. J. Gresham Machen said, "... the bearings of truth, the meaning of truth, the purpose of truth, even in the sphere of mathematics, seem entirely different to the Christian from that which they seem to the non-Christian; and that is why a truly Christian education is possible only when Christian conviction underlies not a part, but all, of the curriculum of the school. True learning and true piety go hand in hand, and Christianity embraces the whole of life—these are great central convictions that underlie the Christian school. ... I can see little consistency in a type of Christian activity which preaches the gospel on the street corners and at the ends of the earth, but neglects the children of the covenant by abandoning them to a cold and unbelieving secularism."

In his Chicago address of 1934, Dr. Machen ponders the question, "What is there about Christianity which makes it necessary that there should be Christian schools?" His answer is, "Christianity is, indeed, a way of life; but it is a way of life founded upon a system of truth. That system of truth is of the most comprehensive kind; it clashes with opposing systems at a thousand points. The Christian life cannot be lived on the basis of anti-Christian thought. Hence the necessity of the Christian school."

Among the last words penned by Dr. Machen were the following (he wrote them in Chicago while on his way to the West, where he died): "Compare the state of public opinion today with that which prevailed 40 or 50 years ago, and you will see that something little short of a moral revolution has come about. ... What shall be done about it? Well, various palliative measures are being proposed. Some of them—like the introduction in public schools of 'character education' based on considerations of expediency—are positively harmful. Others of them, like the required reading of the Bible in public schools ... are at least dangerous. All of them are woefully inadequate. The real remedy, as over against these makeshifts, is found in the establishment of Christian schools."—(Presbyterian Guardian, Jan. 3, 1937.)

As go the schools so goes the nation. Secularize the schools and we paganize the nation. Believers who pray for a revival but who do not promote the Christian school cause in their midst remind one of the man James speaks of when he says, "What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." (James 2:14, 17). On the other hand, he who promotes a back-to-God movement in education promotes a most fundamental back-to-God movement in the nation. And he who promotes such a basic back-to-God movement in our nation promotes a return to basic national prosperity.—Mark Fakkema; published by National Association of Christian Schools.

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Giving

By Max L. Atkins, Pastor
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Text: Matt. 10:8, "... freely ye have received, freely give."

This text of scripture is embodied in the instructions given by Christ to the Twelve as He sent them forth to preach the gospel of the kingdom. Primarily, it refers to spiritual benefits, but may also apply to material things as well. "Freely ye have received, freely give." "Ye have received freely my love, mercy, grace, and power, so freely give," commanded the Master.

Giving is a timely, but unpopular subject. It may be easier to preach on heaven, but folks who won't give will never get there. My subject is not "Heaven," but it will help you to get to heaven. Many people criticize the preacher for talking about money, but Jesus had more to say about money than He did about repentance, the new birth, heaven, or hell. So you see that the greatest preacher of all times had quite a bit to say about money.

Giving is the very nature and essence of God. He gave His Son, the Holy Ghost, salvation, life, health, substance, spiritual, and celestial blessings. Jesus gave all. The Holy Ghost gives, and inspires us to give as well as to shout and rejoice.

Nature itself reflects God in giving. The sun gives forth his golden rays to lighten the world, to warm the earth, as well as to ripen the fruit. The moon sheds forth her mellow beams and the stars twinkle like a million diamonds in the sky, only to give light and beauty. The air gives of her contents to sustain plant and animal life; the clouds give forth their showers; old Mother Earth yields freely to all her vast treasure of resources; the sea gives fishes; the brooks give of their waters to quench the thirst of every creature, great and small. The fowls of the air give of their flesh, eggs, and feathers; the fish give their eggs, oil, and flesh; the trees give their fruits; the flowers give of their fragrance and beauty; the bees give their honey. So you see,

God gave to everything a natural instinct of giving. Man ought to give. God exacts it; the Bible teaches it; the need demands it; and love prompts it.

The Scriptures set forth four kinds of giving: self-giving; forgiving, thanksgiving; and alms giving. I emphasize "alms giving." In this message I want to impress three thoughts. First, the wrong way to give; second, the right way to give; third, the blessings of giving.

Look first at the wrong way to give. There is a wrong way and a right way to do everything, even giving. When you give, you're not to give faulty. Prov. 3:9, "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase." God requires the best, the firstfruits, and not the scraps and leftovers. Don't insult God by giving Him your hog scraps, frozen potatoes, and sick chickens. These will not satisfy a good conscience (note I said a GOOD conscience). Brother, you may even get by your conscience, but you can't get by your God.

Do not give with the hope of return or gain. God is not in the profiteer business. True it is, He will bless you with a manifold return, but you are not to give with that motive in mind. Cast your bread upon the waters and leave the reward to come as the Lord may see fit. Many people give just for a show. That is the wrong way to give. Matt. 6:1, "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven." This kind of giving is Pharisaical; it's false; it's selfish; it's worldly, and an insult to God. Rest assured that this sort of giving only gains an earthly reward.

To give by compulsion is wrong. Paul said to give, "not . . . of necessity," 2 Cor. 9:7. Here I wish to illustrate three kinds of givers: First, the flint giver. If you get anything out of him you have to knock it out, like we used to knock fire out of the flint rock. Second, there is the sponge giver. If you get anything out of this type you have to squeeze it out. Third, there is the honeycomb type. It comes forth of its own accord. God is well pleased with the honeycomb giver. Which kind are you?

Do you give sparingly. Paul says that's the wrong way to give. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly," 2 Cor. 9:6. The Greek

word for "sparingly" here is *stingily*. Two things God doesn't tolerate: laziness and stinginess. "See that ye abound in this grace also." Paul calls giving a grace. Most of us need more giving grace. It takes much more grace to give than it does to testify, sing, shout, and talk in tongues.

We are told in Paul's letter also not to give grudgingly. "Every man, according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly . . ." 2 Cor. 9:7; that is to say, not give with sadness, grief, heaviness, or sorrowfully. For God's sake don't give, frown and regret, because that's the wrong way to give. Above all things, do not give and grumble about it. Phil. 2:14, "Do all things without murmurings and disputings." This applies to giving, too. There is no reward for the giver who grumbles about what little he gives. As a rule, grumblers seldom ever give. Watch it.

Let us go now to the weightier part of this matter—the right way to give. We are taught in the text to *give freely*. "Freely ye have received, freely give." For a geographical illustration I point out two little seas located in the Jordan Valley, namely, the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. Look at the Sea of Galilee. It receives the river of Jordan to the north, drinks freely from her waters and then sends her on her way to the south. She receives and gives; therefore, her waters are sweet, fresh, and life-giving. On the other hand, look at the Dead Sea. She drinks in Jordan and fails to pass her on. In other words, this sea always receives but never gives, consequently she is dead. So is everyone who forever receives God's benefits but never gives anything. They are spiritually dead. Giving makes us like God, like Jesus, and like the Holy Ghost. It delivers us from self; it unites us to our fellow man; and it brings us closer to the very heart of God.

Give systematically. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him," 1 Cor. 16:2. This verse sets forth systematic giving. (a) Give frequently; that is, give weekly. (b) Give stately; that is, have a certain time of giving, "first day of the week." (c) Give universally. This means, let everybody give something, "everyone." (d) Give proportionally "as God has prospered you." (e) Give orderly; that is to say, lay in store, make preparation.

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J. STEWART BRINSFIELD, President

DON'T LIVE YESTERDAY! LIVE TODAY!

Garold Boatwright

Sounds crude, doesn't it? Sure, I admit it does look a bit confusing, but that is just about the best way I can think of to convey the thought I have in mind. Don't live yesterday, but live today! Oh, I might have titled it one of a number of titles, but seemingly none conveyed the thought of the subject forcefully enough. For some time I have been thinking seriously along this particular vein of thought, and I am confident it will be beneficial to you to give it some serious study. Don't just casually glance over this article, as you are possibly guilty of doing so often. Read it! Ponder over it! Act upon it!

A very timely verse of scripture to adopt for study along this line, would be that oft-quoted evangelistic verse found in 2 Corinthians 6:2, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." In other words, what shall it profit a man if he shall anticipate all great and noble feats for the future, while the present goes by wasted? The very lowest of men are able to look at the future with hopes of great harvest of fruitfulness, while for the present they ravel themselves in the unsightly gowns of slothfulness. The lazy, drunken outcast, who lies helplessly encumbent on the street corner in your town and mine, is still able to imagine vaguely through his deteriorated mind the day when again he will return to the respect and admiration of those whom he once held the respect of, but who now know him for what he is worth. He is yet able to reverse his thoughts to the day when he too possessed self-control like others of his neighborhood, when he too was able to hold down a regular job, and when he too was dependable enough to meet the obligations of life. Though he is apparently one short step from all help, he still can cling to some Utopia in the future, when he will quit his drinking and riotous living. Sure, he feels that he is able to lay aside those things, if he so purposes, but he feels as if that is a matter for the future to solve, and not today. And thus it is on down the line:

drunkard, drug addict, gambler, harlot, moral pervert, or even the commonly termed "average sinner." The most fatal mistake of all sinners is that one little fact. It seems like a relatively unimportant matter, many times, whether we do things today or put off till tomorrow, but it is the very key to success itself, and the very gateway to hell, as it were.

I knew a couple one time, not a bad couple; in fact, they were very devout in their profession of Christianity. They earned their living by operating a fairly well-to-do village grocery store. That is, it was a well-to-do store until the public began to learn that they were a pair of complaining addicts who were never satisfied with how business was going, how customers responded to their bargain sales, and how hopeless the present seemed to be. They seemed to carry on their backs the very burden of pessimism. They found it a very easy thing to air their troubles to customers, apparently not aware of what the effect would certainly be. It was a known fact around the village neighborhood that when you asked them how they felt today, you were certain to get bluntly in return, "Worse 'en ever." Of course, in a very short time after opening their grocery establishment, business dropped, as if in proportion to their attitude toward life. Not long hence the man of the house died, from apparent overwork. He was a victim of his own imagination, a mental suicide. He never did awake to the realization that success comes from correctly spending the today, and not from basking in experiences of the past alone. Might we impress the thought again, that the least of us are able to see the future with kingly ends, but great men have profitable "NOWS," as well.

Howbeit, men expect success so readily while they abuse the "today" so unmercifully. I am thinking of a scripture along this line, which I feel is very timely and worth considering. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." My, how dynamic those words are, and so very pertinent to this thought. I ask you, what can a man expect the future to hold for him, other than the very fruits of today's

seed? Today's acorns will be tomorrow's oaks. Very true! Very promising to our dwarfed outlook on the present, it would seem. But let us consider. After all, the acorn is only the beginning of the oak. Without the rain, the continued fertility of soil, the heart of the sun, and the very grace of God Himself, the oak would never come forth in all the beauty and boldness that it does.

To most Americans, the first day of January is the Day of Resolutions. Virtually all those who have reached an age of accountability, take stock to some extent of what has happened during the outgoing year, and then decide that a lot of changes need to be made for the new year to make it a more profitable year. A noble step indeed, they pretty generally concede. "This year is going to be different," they say. The mistake, however, is made by lunging hopefully but blindly into the whole matter. About the second or third day of resisting the oppressor and they decide that it's no use to buck the winds of opposition any more. "What's the use?" they conclude; "I couldn't last a whole year, anyway. I may as well quit and forget the whole matter. A year is just too long." People in such circumstances undoubtedly have good intentions in making resolutions, but they fail to approach the problem correctly. They let the potential glory of the distant future sway them into something which later appears unsurmountable. The best method of approach to a resolution of any kind, I believe, is not to make a resolution for a year at a time, but just make it for today. Today is the day. What is done today counts for eternity. If we fail in our mission today, we have no assurance of heaven. We are not saved on the merits of yesterday's accomplishments, but on today's. If we would resolve rather to make each day the best of our lives, and live upon the expectation that today is our final day on earth, our lives would be so much more fruitful. We should also remind ourselves that today is too important to defile by some trivial misdeed which would grieve both our conscience and those hearts with whom we have occasion to deal. Let us keep in mind that tomorrow is another day, and its problems can be dealt with when it is a today. By so considering each day, separate and of itself, we shall find that luminous

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Closing Exercises of the Church of God Inte



PICTURE IN DINING HALL

Back row, standing, left to right: Odine Wolff, Dyke Dyer, Haakon Ellason, Bernice Brostrom, Ralph Brostrom, Mrs. J. Andrew Rafferty, J. Andrew Rafferty, Harold Bjorgan, Charles Evans.

Front row, seated, left to right: Helen Erickson, Fae Dyer and Wanda Sue Rafferty, Anne Ellason, May Aslin, Helen Wall, Mrs. Harold Bjorgan, Mrs. Charles Evans.



This is a picture of the senior banquet, which was indeed a delightful a



Here is a picture of the huge building that was once the airplane hangar, but is now used for an auditorium, classroom, and boys' dormitory.

THE REPORT

Surely everyone who attended the Ministers' Institute and closing exercises of the International Bible College, at Estevan, Saskatchewan, returned to their various fields of labor encouraged and blessed in a measure that is difficult to express. Time and eternity alone will reveal in full all

the good that was accomplished during the week of Bible study and fellowship that we had here.

We began on Monday, March 27, and closed on April 2. We had just finished our 1949-1950 term of Bible School, during which God had met with us in a wonderful way. Seventeen students had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, seven were saved, sixteen baptized in water, and many had been called into the work of the Lord. We were fortunate and greatly blessed to have with us for this closing week, our Editor-in-Chief, Rev. J. D. Bright. As we sat under his anointed ministry our hearts were lifted up to heavenly places, and we were filled with a desire and zeal to do the utmost for God and the Church. Each morning and afternoon was devoted to Bible study, most of the time being spent on the teachings of the Church of God. Nearly all of the ministers of Western Canada were here, with some from other states, and a number of laymen and visitors, besides the students of I.B.C.

Each evening was devoted to services in the chapel. Our school orchestra furnished music, and singing by the students and others made the musical portions of the services very good. Messages were brought by Rev.

Darrell Lindsay, overseer of Central Canada, who spoke on "Being Controlled by the Spirit"—a timely and inspiring message which we shall long remember; Rev. David Barsness; Odine Wolff; Norman Holmes; and others.

Thursday evening, March 30, was the occasion of the banquet, given for the graduating class by the juniors. As we entered the dining hall, we found it nicely decorated in the class colors, blue and gold, and their motto, "More Than Conquerors," was carried out in the program. The musical program was arranged by Mrs. Ralph Brostrom, our music teacher, and the class will, histories, and prophecy were given by the students of the class. Rev. J. A. Brost was toastmaster, and talks were given by Rev. J. A. Rafferty, our school president, Alton Barsness, and others.

On Friday evening, we opened the services in the large auditorium. The students all marched in a body and sang their school chorus. The evening message was given by Brother Bright, taking for his text "The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch." This was a glorious message, delivered under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and one which we can never forget. Everyone was moved

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a delightful affair.

ORCHESTRA IN CHAPEL

Back row, standing, left to right: Charles Evans, Harold Bjorgan, Haakon Eliason, Dan Bush, Melvin Morganstern, Odine Wolff, Kenneth Haskins. Shirley Danials at the piano.
 Boy and girl together: Marilyn Miller and Gordon Bjorgan.
 Third row from back: Ruben Sovdi, Henry Wall, Roy Foggo, Norman Holmes, Barney Harder, May Aslin, Mrs. Harold Bjorgan.
 Front row, seated: Bernice Brostrom, Inez Aspinall, Doris McLuhan.

Here in the deep snow, with the dining room behind them, are the faculty, students, and ministers of Western Canada.

and blessed as he showed the importance of living up to the name "Christian"; and, too, it made us rejoice to know we can be converted and be heirs with Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Brother Darrell Lindsay Saturday evening, with music and singing by our school orchestra, the mixed chorus, boys' chorus, and girls' chorus, and a solo by Sister Rafferty.

Sunday morning found the graduates all gathered for their commencement service. This was a sacred service, and the Holy Spirit seemed to hover over us all. Musical numbers were sung by the mixed chorus, the I.B.C. quartet, girls' trio, and a solo by Sister Brostrom. The valedictorian was Miss Frances Olsen, who spoke on the class motto, "More Than Conquerors." The salutatory address was given by Robert Reesor, and he spoke on "The Shield of Faith." Rev. M. G. McLuhan, instructor in the Northwest Bible and Music Academy at Minot, North Dakota, gave the commencement address. Speaking on 1 Corinthians 3:11-15, he brought to us a picture of a man building on the wrong foundation. Surely this message was God-given, and inspired us to no longer build of hay and stubble,

but of gold and precious stones.

Following this, the diplomas were presented to the graduating class by Rev. J. A. Rafferty, President of I.B.C.

Sunday afternoon was our mission service. The message was brought by Rev. Glenn C. Pettyjohn, overseer of North and South Dakota. This was a blessed service, and as we listened to the message and to the testimonies of several of our young people whom God has called to India, Africa, and China, we felt as if we could not give enough to help spread the story of Jesus. The mission offering taken was \$260.

We closed the week of services on Sunday evening with a Bible School program. Talks were given by Charles Evans, Harold Bjorgan, Ralph Brostrom, Fae Dyer, and other members of the faculty, as well as testimonies by the students. An offering was taken for the needs of the School.

Words would fail us to tell all the things that transpired and all the showers of blessings we had during these days of feasting at the Lord's table. I am sure every student and minister left the campus of I.B.C. with a new vision of the work before us, and with a greater determination to spread the Church of God teachings far and wide, not only because we

love the Church, but because it is the gospel that will bring sinners to Christ and keep them unspotted from the world, to be ready when He comes for His own.—Mrs. Ralph Brostrom, Music Teacher at I.B.C.

Editor's Note: There is little, if anything, that I could say of importance as supplement to Sister Brostrom's splendid report. Yet, it would be careless of me not to say that my visit to I.B.C. was made pleasant by all, in every sense of the word. I was profoundly impressed by the capable manner the superintendent, J. Andrew Rafferty, was supervising the School, with the full cooperation and respect of the consecrated, efficient faculty and Board of Directors. The conduct of the sixty Bible School students was in every sense Christian. Seventeen or more had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost during the term, and eleven were going out into evangelistic work during their vacation. To hear the School praying in concert at mealtime, and prayers going up from rooms here and there, and to observe the whole-hearted manner they worshipped in the services, brought back memories of my schooldays until it was easy to feel

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Old-fashioned Revivals

BYINGTON, Tenn.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival, with Rev. A. B. Smith, of Knoxville, formerly of Oklahoma, as the evangelist. The church was filled almost every night. There were 30 saved, 20 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 15 added to the church. The altar was filled almost every night, and the saints were greatly strengthened and built up in faith. We feel that Brother Smith is Spirit-filled and a Holy-Ghost-led man and will do any church good. We also want to thank the Lord for our pastor, Rev. G. H. McGarity. The Sunday School has broken all past records in attendance and offerings.—Mrs. Raymond Smith, Clerk.

SAVANNAH, Ga.—The revival at the Savannah Church of God in January, 1950, was a huge success, and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. The pastor of the church is Brother P. H. Hammond, and the evangelist was Rev. J. E. Smeltzer, of Texas. The meeting lasted two weeks and proved to be most beneficial to the church. There were 34 saved, 17 sanctified, 12 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 10 added to the church. Brother Smeltzer's messages were timely, consisting of such subjects as, "The Atom Bomb" and "The Antichrist." The services were attended by great crowds.

ST. PAUL, N. C.—I conducted a five nights' revival in a cottage here, and the Lord surely did bless. One was saved, 2 sanctified, and 1 baptized with the Holy Ghost.—Rev. O. S. Lane, Neeses, S. C.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va.—We thank God for the greatest revival in the history of our church here. In one and one-half weeks there were 55 souls saved. Many nights there was no preaching. Women who had prayed for husbands for years saw them weeping their way to victory. Brother H. H. Hungate, our pastor, and his wonderful wife did the preaching. We thank God for Brother and Sister Hungate. Brother Hungate has really been a blessing to us. He worked hard last year, tearing down our old church and building a new one, which is al-

most done. We also give honor to whom honor is due, for the laborers who helped faithfully. Pray for us.—Helen L. Byers, Clerk.

HENDERSON, N. C.—We praise God for our wonderful revival that closed last night. The church told me it was the best they have had in the past two and one-half years. There were 38 saved, 20 sanctified, 22 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church. Eight persons received the Holy Ghost the last night of the revival. This was a healing campaign conducted by Rev. Vance Perkins, of Shelby. Brother Perkins is being wonderfully used of God. About 6 months ago he was fasting and seeking God that he might be a more effective and efficient worker. While he was fasting, God told him that He would give him power over all unclean spirits to cast them out and over all diseases, and it seems that God is standing by His promise to him. Many were healed of various afflictions. A boy was healed of a growth on his cheek; several were healed of arthritis; a woman was healed of a broken foot which was broken last August; a girl's eyesight was restored; several others received their eyesight, two were totally blind and one partially blind; a boy was healed of a heart ailment; three persons' hearing was restored; many people took off their glasses; a woman was healed of sugar diabetes; a woman was healed of high blood pressure. Many were delivered of demon depression. It seemed as if Bible days were here again. I do believe that the rapture will soon take place. Our revival ran three weeks, and we had wonderful crowds, rain or shine.—H. T. Durden, Pastor.

OXFORD, Ohio.—We are still rejoicing over the results of our revival with Rev. J. E. De Vore. Twenty-three saved and reclaimed, 7 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost; and 10 added to the church are the results in figures. Brother De Vore preached on missions and raised well over \$500 in cash and pledges. Every department of the church has been greatly blessed. We highly recommend

Brother De Vore to any church that really wants a revival.—Joel D. Brown, Pastor.

ARCADIA, Fla.—Thank God for a great revival which closed March 12, 1950.

Brother S. C. Chambers came to Arcadia February 6 and began a revival which swept the town as no other revival has ever done. We did not get an accurate account of those only saved or sanctified, but 44 were filled with the Holy Ghost, 37 baptized in water, and 41 added to the church.

Brother Chambers certainly blessed our church by his wonderful ministry. We always offer him a welcome to return.

After Brother Chambers left, Rev. B. F. Savage came and preached a week, in which time 3 were saved, 5

DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE

January, February, March

Church of God, Brummitt Street, Rogersville, Tenn., by Tilda Buckner, 8 towels, 8 washcloths.

Mrs. Ophelia Schultz, Zap, N. Dak., 1 cake.

Church of God, Sale Creek, Tenn., 1 box soap.

Mrs. Polly Watter, 618 Georgia Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn., box used clothing and groceries.

L.W.W.B., sent by Elizabeth Street, Cartersville, Ga., 1 quilt.

Church of God, 1601 Maple St., Kenova, W. Va., 1 box Christmas gifts.

Mrs. R. F. Coons, 605 Westminster, Greensburg, Pa., 2 boxes used clothing, shoes, and hats.

Estella Stephens, East North Street, Sweetwater, Tenn., 1 box used clothing and girls' slippers.

Mr. Lawrence Isom, Hamilton, Ill., 2 bu. apples.

E. Foren, Plainville, Conn., 1 large box used clothing.

Church of God, 330 Mosswood Ave., Stockton, Calif., 1 large box used clothing.

Mrs. L. B. Lyons, Conway, Va., 2 pr. small slippers.

Mrs. L. K. Bacon, 330 W. Main St., Chanute, Kans., 2 picture story books (scrapbooks).

Mrs. Zollie Martin, 504 North Wilson St., Delphi, Ind., literature.

Miss Eunice Harrington, 1111 Hickory St., Sandpoint, Idaho, 1 box clothing.

Mrs. Theresa Stumpf, 1469 Marion St., Lincoln Park 25, Mich., 1 box clothing.

Church of God, Walhalla, S. C., 6 pkgs. cookies.

Mrs. Helen S. Ariail, Sevierville, Tenn., 1 box used clothing.

J. M. Morgan, Box 1741, Kermit, Texas, 1 box nuts, candy, and wafers.

Church of God, Lanett, Ala., 1 large box clothing.

8th Avenue Church of God, Knoxville, Tenn., 2 boxes clothing.

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sanctified, and 4 filled with the Holy Ghost.

The final count up to March 12 was 50 filled with the Holy Ghost and 48 added to the church. There are still more to be baptized.

My how God has blessed our labor in Arcadia! Our membership has almost doubled, including our Home Extension work. We have made extensive improvements to the church property.

There is a wonderful band of people here with whom it is a profound pleasure to labor for God.—Brother and Sister Morris Wiggins, Pastor and Wife.

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The greatest revival ever in the history of the Church of God at Waltersboro, S. C., has just come to a close. Rev. Howard Hanley and Brother Ross Morgan were the evangelistic party. God was with us in a great way in this meeting. There were 37 saved, 24 sanctified, 19 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 18 added to the church. We broke our old Sunday School record twice during this revival, for which we praise God. Brothers Hanley and Morgan are good workers for God and will be a blessing to any church securing their services. Pray for us here.—L. J. Stone, Pastor.

LONG DISTANCE

WALHALLA, S. C., reports a great revival. Since March 29 there have been 29 people baptized with the Holy Ghost and 12 have joined the Church.—Billard McCrary, Evangelist; W. D. Childers, Pastor.

A CONTINUATION OF THE NOCATEE, FLA., REVIVAL REPORT

We have never been in a revival just like this one. Such mighty waves of Holy Ghost power have never been witnessed in this place. The revival ran for several weeks. The building was filled nearly every night. We feel that what brought this great outpouring of the latter rain into our community was prayer, fasting, and cooperation of the church and community. Eternity alone will reveal the lasting good that God did for us. One Methodist lady testified to her own church and said that every time she got down to pray for God to send them a revival to this community the answer was, "I have already sent the revival, but I sent it to the Church of God. This is the revival you have

prayed for, but it did not come to the church that you thought it would." We enjoyed the visit of the Methodist pastor, Rev. Hanley. He sat and cried as waves of glory swept over the congregation, the Holy Ghost gave the altar call, and people ran to the altar. He told his congregation that if they would go to the revival at the Church of God he would discontinue services until the revival was over.

Praise God, the revival spirit is still going. Two prayed through to the Holy Ghost Sunday night; one was saved Tuesday night, and one received the Holy Ghost; so you see the fire is still here. One Sunday night we had an unusual visitor. The people, both saints and sinners alike, saw a ball of fire with a forked tail come into the building, come straight to the altar, and play up and down the altar. People received the Holy Ghost right and left. One man praying said the fire burned his hands as it passed over them lying on the altar rail. Eleven prayed through to the Holy Ghost that day. Well, I can't tell it all so I will give you the final results

ANOTHER MINISTER PASSES

Richard H. Tadlock, born January 9, 1877, passed away September 30, 1949, at his home in Evansville, Ind.

Brother Tadlock was a minister of the Church of God and known for determination. He fought many hard battles and suffered many hardships for the gospel's sake. He was very outspoken and people sometimes misunderstood him until they were better acquainted with his uncompromising nature. I sat by his side one day, about three years prior to his death, at which time he thought, as well as we, the hour had come for him to go. In the weakness of his physical pain-racked body he would get so inspired to preach he would raise up in the bed and quote scripture he had memorized. He would quote whole chapters in various books of the Bible. We sat with tears in our eyes and our hearts rejoiced as he took up some of the blessed teachings of the Word of God and expounded them to us.

I Remember

By his niece, Mrs. Wm. Myers

*I knew a man I called Uncle Tad;
If I was sick, a prayer he always had.
How many words of kindness he gave;*

up to the present time. Three weeks of this revival was conducted by the pastor's wife, Sister Duncan, during which time 65 were filled with the Holy Ghost. Since the report in the March issue of the *Florida State News*, 67 have been saved, 71 sanctified, 63 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 36 baptized in water, and 46 added to the church, which makes a grand total of 103 saved, 90 sanctified, 84 filled with the Holy Ghost, 59 baptized in water, 66 added to the church, and several more ready to come in. Our church membership has increased from 85, when we came here last September, to 152, and our Sunday School has an average of 200 and more. We enjoyed a great day Sunday, with 261 in Sunday School, out of a community of approximately 1,100 population and two other churches in town. We raised \$600 in cash on a new church building project. We have remodeled the parsonage out and out. Thank God for His blessings and that we are laborers together with Him.—A. J. Duncan, Pastor.

It was, "Hold up your chin and be brave."

*As a child I used to sit
On a big chair by the pulpit.
I would listen to him preach;
What lessons he did teach!*

*How happy was the time
We used to laugh and sing.
I know that now he has
A halo of golden rings.*

*I am sure the golden gates
Were really swung wide
For him to pass through—
When my dear uncle died.*

His desire was for an appointment at some little church. Many times he would ask so pitifully, "Why don't you give me an appointment?" I turned my head in tears as I could see that he was not able to take the responsibility of pastoring. Several of our good pastors revered him in giving him appointments to preach at their charges now and then. Brother Gambill engaged him for a meeting at North Salem, Indiana, about June 12-26, 1949. After returning from this successful meeting he became sick and never recovered. Please pray for Sister Tadlock in her loneliness.—His State Overseer, C. C. Rains.

A Militant Attitude in Christian Life

By Irene Boyd, 2115 17th Street, Wyandotte, Michigan

We, as Christians, are engaged, like Gideon, in a mighty midnight battle. The battle that Gideon fought with the Midianites was one of the greatest and most remarkable battles in the history of the world, because it was arranged by the divine providence. There are three points of interest we shall try to get a lesson from.

The first one is the two divisions of soldiers; the second is their armour; and the third is the battle. It would be very good if you read the entire story directly from the Bible, in the seventh chapter of Judges. God did the dividing here. Gideon told the men (under God's instructions), "Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early." Twenty-two hundred left, and there yet remained 10,000. The Lord said to Gideon, "They are yet too many." God told Gideon how to give them another test. We see, after reading this remarkable story, how only 300 remained. This shows that God wants to test us. Can we take this militant and combatant attitude? When tests come, look to God and His Word.

Each time you are tested and take God as your Captain, you will win, and thus become a stronger soldier and more reliable for God's use.

Let us consider the second point, their armor—a trumpet and a pitcher. It sounds unbelievable that only 300 men should go against such an innumerable army as is recorded in verse 12, with only these implements. This again proves "God's ways are not our ways." It was only obedience that won that battle. It was God who did the work. The men proving true under the test pleased God.

The third point to be considered is the battle. With only 300 against that multitude, God again spoke to Gideon, telling him to go down to the host of enemies and hear what they had to say. Gideon obeyed, and there he heard the enemies' dream and interpretation. When Gideon heard that, the Bible says he worshipped God and returned to his men with a thrilling message. So it will be with us in every battle of life, if we will but take time, or rather make time, to worship our Captain, Jesus Christ, to get our orders for the day and then obey them. It is absolutely necessary

that we meet with Him (preferably in the early morning) for our orders for the day's battle. So often has been my experience of getting "battle weary." An inventory showed I failed to meet early in the morning with my Commander-in-Chief.

The last test God gave the soldiers of Gideon is a good one for us to adhere to. The one who bowed down to drink water was not in a position to see the stealing approach of the enemy, while the soldiers who stooped to catch the water in their hands, then lifted it to their mouths, were in an alert position. Their posture was alert and ready for an attack on the enemy at sight. God is still working among His soldiers likewise. Those who are not fully purified, though they are soldiers, have in them the love of ease, self, natural and unholy proneness of character and disposition, a lack of watchfulness, of understanding, and prompt and swift obedience. This is constantly being manifest by them in many unconscious ways. They are sluggish in prayer, testimony, liberality, and obedience. They do not discern spiritual things or the approach of the enemy of their souls. True holiness will manifest itself in spite of everything. Remember, a holy life can never be imitated or counterfeited by any who do not have the experience. Let that sink deep, dearly beloved.

In our militant life in Christ, I want to bring you back to where I spoke of two divisions. Those divisions were made on a basis of fear, if we notice carefully. Each man was to sit in judgment of himself. God did not pick out the cowards. He arranged it so that every man would do it for himself. How beautifully God does business. He says that every man must give account of himself unto God. God is the only one who uses this method. Men, of themselves, confess they are or are not good soldiers. This second division was of a different nature. Thus, we see "our great Commander" helps men to make themselves not only from a division of "born again" but also a division from "partly carnal" and "entirely yielded" to Him. Our God is an infinite gentleman—never behaving Himself in a rude or uncultured way with His own.

Had God used a special way of picking those 300 men visibly, it would have wounded the other 9,700, and perhaps tempted the 300 to spiritual pride. Thus, God's ways are perfect ways. God allows each of us, in his unwilling way, to manifest the true inwardness of his own being. The absolute truth is manifest in such a way that no one can lay any blame on God.

I personally, believe that the trumpets these 300 used can be symbolized to a type of God's Word. Trumpets were usually made from rams' horns. Jesus, being our Ram slain, offered for our salvation, furnishes us with His Word, His horn, His trumpet, and the Word proclaimed in preaching and testifying. That instrument will repel Satan and overcome all our spiritual enemies. The second instrument was lamps, typifying the Holy Ghost, as in Psa. 119:105; Isa. 62:1.

The third instrument was a pitcher that each man was to hold in his left hand. Perhaps this typifies our own human nature. These pitchers were to be broken at a given time. Surely, we must be broken in ourselves to properly let our lamps shine forth. This truth is taught throughout all the Bible. All of self must go. This was a midnight battle, making a perfect picture of the spiritual and heavenly warfare which we are waging against evil spirits in high places, as spoken of in 2 Cor. 10:4. When we (as Gideon) prepare ourselves before and with God in this midnight battle against the enemy, we (with God's leading) will arouse sinners also from their sleep. They will be thrown into utter consternation, and in their alarm and terror will flee from the wrath to come. God's soldier saints of today are engaged in a warfare corresponding to that of our lesson. Don't you believe that? And oh, if we will ally ourselves as those 300 of old!

Friends, we are, in spirit, stationed on high vantage ground, although our enemies far outnumber us, both visible and invisible. We will be fighting with our enemies below us, as this army in our lesson. Come on, saints, let us move up, when tests come, closer to our Gideon (Jesus), and great will be our reward. To go forward with God at His bidding is to invite a miracle. When Moses went forward the seas divided. Go God's way, and a miracle will come out to greet you. We walk not alone who walk with God. Don't ask God to walk with us; ask the privilege to walk with Him.

State Activities

Kentucky L.W.W.B Report for February

Mrs. L. H. Aultman, President	
Blue Diamond	\$430.38
Hazel Green	92.71
Middlesboro	90.18
Garrett	70.00
Oak Grove	52.00
Ravenna	50.60
Bernard	46.68
Somerset	34.68
Stanton	30.60
Berea	30.00
Parks Ridge	29.25
Clay City	24.10
Scoville	23.75
Clospoint	23.00
Fork Ridge	20.46
Grays Knob	19.50
Wallins	19.22
Dressen	17.55
Fourmile	16.05
East Bernstadt	14.15
East Louisville	12.25
Pineville	9.20
Crescent Springs	6.00
Thornton	3.16
Lynch	2.60
Russell Springs	2.00
Majestic	1.87
Harmon Lick	1.60
Winchester	1.50
Coleman	1.00
TOTAL	\$1,176.04

Louisiana Willing Workers

Greetings to all the ladies in the L.W.W.B.'s. We thank all for their prompt reporting for February. Keep it up. Much depends on the pastor as to the progress of our ladies' work. The pastors should throw all their influence into this department of the work. After all, what is accomplished is for the furtherance of the right cause of the Church. I should like to offer sincerest thanks for the nice shower given by the ladies at the Monroe church. Their gifts were very nice and greatly appreciated. We humbly say thanks for everything. Here are the reports as they came in for February.

Covington	\$128.21
Dunn	79.00
New Orleans	68.00
Savannah Branch	42.20
Forest	34.54
Mount Zion	24.00
Bedico	21.40
Baton Rouge	18.53
Robert	16.65
Wardline	13.55
Jena	13.28
Shepherds Fold	12.00
Kentwood	8.34
Archibald	1.25
Epps	.95

TOTAL FOR FEBRUARY \$481.90
—Mrs. T. M. McClendon, State President.

Two New Churches in Georgia

This is not an announcement of churches set in order, but rather to call your attention to a goal set at our last preachers' meeting of two new churches on each district. How many do you have on yours? The time is fast slipping away. Only a little more than four more months until the Georgia camp meeting. What will our answer be at that time? Let us lay our plans now for a new church.—E. L. Simmons, State Overseer.

Florida

Turn Your Radio on to

Largo Church of God, 1340 on your dial, from 8:00 to 8:30, Station WTAN, Eugene Anderson, pastor.

The Church of God Hour, over WHBO, 1050 on your dial, each Sunday morning from 9:05 to 9:30, Tampa, J. Frank Spivey, pastor.

The Church of God, over WNER, 1450 kc. on your dial, each Sunday morning 8:15, Roy C. Miller, pastor.

Full Gospel Waves, over WWPB, 1450 on your dial, each Sunday morning from 8 to 8:30, Miami, L. H. Alford, pastor.

Fort Lauderdale Church of God, WFTL, 1400 on your dial, from 9:05 to 9:30, R. E. Drymon, pastor.

The Gospel Hour, over WINK, 1240 on your dial, each Sunday morning from 8:30-9, Fort Myers, D. L. Franklin, pastor.

Orlando Church of God, 740 on dial—WORZ, Saturday morning 8:45, A. V. Howell, pastor.

Pentecostal Echoes, 1340 on dial, WTAN, Sunday morning from 8:45-9:15, B. E. Ellis, pastor.

Belle Glade—900 on dial, WSWN, Sunday morning from 9:15-9:45, B. B. Brickley, pastor.

—J. T. Roberts, State Overseer.

Virginia's L.W.W.B.

December

Big Stone Gap	\$141.72
Ramsay	123.48
Dunfortown	118.79
Martinsville	41.50
Shorts Creek	30.30
Cliffview	26.48
Deerfield	23.00
Monroe	21.10
Radford	16.20
Marion	14.25
Thompsons Valley	13.80
Bluefield	12.95
Schoolfield	12.00
Pulaski	2.28
Roanoke (3 months)	150.50
TOTAL	\$748.35

—Mrs. John C. Jernigan, President.

Michigan's L.W.W.B. Finance Raised in January

Wyandotte, Sr.	\$261.53
West Detroit	205.17
Dearborn	251.38
North Flint	141.65
Pontiac	103.00
Austin	93.90
East Detroit	91.80
Shingletown	72.69
Monroe	69.11
Ferndale	68.45
Wyandotte, Jr.	39.80
Willow Run	36.81
Muskegon	19.94
East Flint	14.28
Cash	12.80
Port Huron	12.30

Battle Creek	9.70
Kalamazoo	8.73
Big Rapids	2.87

—Mrs. D. C. Boatwright, State President.

Kentucky Churches of God on the Air

Blue Diamond and Christopher: WKIC, Hazard, 1340 kc., 8 a. m. C.S.T., each Sunday; Levi Henson and Earl T. Golden, pastors.

Bowling Green: WLBj, Bowling Green; Ottis Riggs, pastor.

Dressen: WHLN, Harlan, 1250 kc., 8:30-9:15 a. m. E.S.T., each Sunday; J. P. Morgan, pastor.

East Louisville: "The Church of God Hour," WGRG, Louisville, 1400 kc., WBOX-FM 100.7, 7:30 p. m. C.S.T., each Sunday, and weekdays at 6:15 a. m.; J. David Pitts, pastor.

Middlesboro: WCPM, Middlesboro, 560 kc., 1-1:30 p. m. E.S.T., each Sunday; Edd Cox, pastor.

Somerset: WSFC, Somerset, 1:30-2 p. m. C.S.T., each Sunday; and "Youth for Christ," 9 a. m. C.S.T., each Saturday; Manuel F. Campbell, pastor.

West Louisville: WGRG, Louisville, 1400 kc., 7 a. m. C.S.T., each Wednesday; Wm. Richardson, Jr., pastor.—L. H. Aultman, State Overseer.

Michigan Ministers' Monthly Statistics

Name	Saved	Sanc.	H.G.	W.B.
John Rathbun, Jr.	35	30	33	
D. C. Boatwright	25	20	9	
Walter Skutar	20	20	9	
M. A. Dupree	16	16	6	
Silas Moeingo	15	3	3	13
Lyle Jackson	15	8	6	
Auo Brown	13	5	5	
Wm. Sawyer	7	2	4	
R. F. Koshewitz	6	1	4	
W. C. Milligan	4	4	4	
W. T. Truitt	4	2	1	
A. O. Anderson	4			
H. L. Rose	3	4	4	
A. H. Tribble	3	2	1	
R. E. Lovelle	3			
Madge King	2	1	1	
J. W. King	2			
J. A. Stephens	2			
C. Zimmerman	2			
Lavall Maguire	2			
G. F. Crank	2	1	1	
Fred Zaukelles	1			
Chester Swoffer	1	1		
J. A. Biskner	1	1		
A. H. Tribble	1	1		
Paul Budean	1	2		1
TOTAL	189	124	84	14

—D. C. Boatwright, State Overseer.

NEW PARSONAGE AT EPHRATA, PENNSYLVANIA



This beautiful little parsonage is located in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. The work was supervised by the pastor, Rev. Russell Tidy. He did much of the work himself. The value of the parsonage is \$12,000. The present pastor is Rev. James F. Hodges, Jr.—Glyndon Logsdon, Overseer of Pennsylvania.

The Virgin of the Wilderness

By John C. (Jack) Dudley, Evangelist, Jasper, Ala.

"Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?" S. of Sol. 8:5a.

Solomon saw a beautiful young virgin coming up out of a dreary wilderness, yet she wasn't alone, for she was leaning upon her beloved, tired and weary, yet victorious and happy! Solomon seemed puzzled about who they were. He was especially concerned about the virgin. He described her as lovely, and fell in love with her at first sight. He said, "Her head is like Mt. Carmel, her hair is like purple, her stature is like the palm trees, her neck is like towers of ivory, the joints of her thighs are like jewels, and her lips like threads of scarlet." Notice again, "There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number. My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her," S. of Sol. 6:8,9. At the sight of this beautiful lady he knew she was pure and righteous. Who was she? None other than the **BRIDE OF CHRIST**. Notice, Solomon was convinced she was the **CHOICE AND** also the **ONLY** one of her mother that bare her.

Another saw her and spoke of her. Hosea loved her. "Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. And it shall be at that day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shall call me no more Baali," Hos. 2:14-16. At first sight, Hosea, like Solomon, fell in love with this bride and wanted to bring her to the valley of Achor (this word meaning trouble). Trouble, yes, that's about all the world has given her; but she has kept her song and caused millions to sing and pray their troubles away, as when she came up out of the land of Egypt. Oh, yes, she is that old; she was purchased at Calvary with Christ Jesus' blood and had a new inauguration at Pentecost. Thank God, as she passed

on down the ages of time, the thousands that have seen her have loved and cherished her even as those holy men of old. I never shall forget when I was seeking for the right Church and wondered if there really was a church as clean and pure as this one I had read of so much in the Bible. Thank God, one night I saw *her*, pure, lovely, and holy, and she was the **CHOICE ONE**, the **ONLY** one for me. (Our denomination does not teach that we are the all-exclusive church, but that we are a part of the all-exclusive church, or body, of Christ).

"Who is this virgin, this one so Holy and so pure?" I am speaking of none other than the same one Solomon, Hosea and Paul wrote about—the **CHURCH OF GOD—THE BRIDE OF CHRIST**. Paul says concerning her, 2 Cor. 11:2, "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." Yes, for Christ died for her and gave His life that one day He may present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing.

Near fifty years ago, while scoffers watched, a beautiful virgin, young, tender, but pure as the driven snow, started out on a long, weary journey

with her beloved leaning upon her and she upon him, started out boldly and determined to make the journey through this terrible wilderness of dark, stormy persecutions. The mockers said, "She'll never make it; she's not strong enough." However, despite all the slanders they heaped upon her, such as "Holy Rollers," thank God, she has made it! Yes, she came out of the wilderness, and all those who were present, laughing, scoffing, ridiculing, and criticizing, must admit now that she has moved right on to the front with, and even ahead of, them. She was shoved to the back alleys, back woods, in tents, brush arbors, and out under trees, but now, praise God, she is out of the wilderness! You may ride along the roads, and as you look you notice a beautiful nice church building, and you ask, "What kind of church is that?" "Why, that's the Church of God," is the answer. Before Christ left this world He gave to the Church teachings and doctrines to go by. He wants us to obey these teachings and doctrines, and be ready for His return.

I was noticing the other day a man said in a statistical report on religious affairs that every forty years every new religious organization had taken a turn either to the right or left. He further stated it was most usually to the left. I whispered a praise to the Lord for the Church of God that is still the same, and may God keep her the same always.

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tion for your giving so "there will be no gatherings when I come."

Give according to ability. Deut. 16:17, "Every man shall give as he is able." Isn't that fair enough? Surely, it is. God fixed it just right to fit everybody, rich or poor. Luke 11:14, "Give alms of such things as ye have." If you don't have money, give such things as you have, vegetables, milk, eggs, etc. There is no excuse for not giving something.

Give sacrificially. "... their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality," 2 Cor. 8:2. Remember, the widow gave her two mites, all she had. Jesus saw it and commended her. His keen eyes are still upon the collection pan. Don't put zero in the collection plate and complain because the church is cold. "... beyond their power they were willing of them-

selves," 2 Cor. 8:3. If you want to receive a blessing that there's not room enough to receive, give till it hurts and then give till it doesn't hurt. Don't ever think you can outgive God. The more you give, the more you will have to give. Just try it.

Give as the Lord directs. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give." Give as the Lord speaks to your heart. He will tell you the exact amount to give in dollars and cents. "He that hath ears let him hear then what the Spirit saith." Isaiah tells us that the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land.

Give cheerfully. "... for God loveth a cheerful giver," 2 Cor. 9:7. Cheerful giving proves the reality of your religion. If your religion hasn't reached your pocketbook, it hasn't reached the heart. Cheerful giving adds value to

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GOD'S FIRST QUESTION

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died on the cross of Calvary, yea, just as sure as the sun shines in the heavens, you can be that sure that those who practice such ungodly evils shall give their account unto God. Where are we, dear ones, in our home life? Why not be an example to your children and lead them to Jesus, the Lamb of God?

God gave His most treasured gift in order that man could regain that which he lost through the fall. Jesus gave His all, His lifeblood on the cruel cross of suffering, that the ransom price might be paid to redeem lost humanity. The martyrs of old suffered untold humiliations, shame, contempt, and loss of life for the cause they loved so dearly, and yet, the cause of true Christianity is harassed on every side by the working of the devil through the human family. Surely, we must realize that we are dealing with the most vital part of man. It matters little as to the body (with food and raiment therewith be content), but the SOUL, my dear friends, needs the most and best possible attention. While there are but comparatively few who give any consideration whatsoever to the SOUL, be assured that when time and eternity blends; when we have passed from the stage of action; when we have been called by the summons of the Great Commander; when we have performed our every task in this lonesome vale, then, oh then, the SOUL, which we have treasured so lightly, will START living on and on during the ceaseless, countless, ages of eternity. No end, no end! FOREVER and FOREVER, while eternity rolls on the axis of time, the soul will be living, somewhere . . . somewhere . . . but where? The answer to this question is in our hands. It is an individual matter. You can't answer that for me; neither can I answer for you concerning the most important and vital of all questions. It is ENTIRELY in our own hands, and it is a question that must be answered. It CANNOT be evaded. The price has been paid for all; the invitation is to EVERYONE. WHERE ART THOU? May God bless and keep you is my earnest prayer.

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obstacles of the future which we picture so great will not be so disrupting,

many times, as we imagined.

Benjamin Franklin, early American pioneer in various fields of progress, is given credit for the age-old adage, "One today is worth two tomorrows." Along the same channel of thought George MacDonald once penned, "It is when tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of today that the weight of it is more than a man can bear." It is the today which offers us outlets for humor, service and channels for spiritual growth.

CLOSING EXERCISES . . .

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that I was part of the I.B.C. and was soon singing their chorus,

I. B. C., dear I. B. C.

We will all remember thee;

We will keep its standards high,

And spread its teachings far and wide

Until, in the mansions of the sky,

We shall again stand side by side,

Praising God for blessings wrought,

For every battle fought

In dear old I. B. C.

—(Written by Sister Brostrom.)

Despite the deep snow (five feet and more in places), all the ministers under Brother Rafferty's oversight, but one, and a number of visitors, attended from the beginning, which was a matter of loyalty and respect to their overseer; and their testimonies and sermons, as well as the conduct, testimonies, and sermons of faculty members and students, indelibly stamped upon my heart the fact that they were Church of God people, heart, mind, soul, and body, and that continued success and progress surely is certain.

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the gift. Cheerful giving reflects the spiritual nature of the giver. Cheerful giving merits Godly favor. "He loveth a cheerful giver." After all, that's what we're seeking—God's divine favor, smiles, and approval. So let's be cheerful givers.

Give to every good work. " . . . always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work," 2 Cor. 9:8. Give to every worthy cause, whether it be missions, orphanage, building program, revival campaigns, church expenses, radio work, aged ministers, or to the poor beggar on the street. Give as unto the Lord. Think of it, the man in hell has lost, forever, his opportunity to give. So

giving is a blessed privilege as well as an obligation. Don't cast it off lightly.

Now, may we conclude with a few thoughts on the blessings of giving. They are threefold—material, spiritual, and heavenly.

1. The material blessings. Luke 6:38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you . . ." May I say that giving is magic. The more you give the more you have to give. Jesus multiplied (the fishes and loaves) by division and subtraction. Can you beat it? It simply works wonders. Prove it for yourself.

2. Spiritual blessings. "He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed," Prov. 22:9. Some folks never see the need of giving. They close their eyes to keep from seeing. How dwelleth the love of the Lord in you? "Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly . . ." 1 Chron. 29:9. A spirit of rejoicing usually follows a time of giving. You have seen that happen many times right before your eyes. Prov. 11:25, "The liberal soul shall be made fat . . ." If you seem lean in your soul and haven't received a spiritual blessing lately, try giving.

3. Heavenly blessings. Luke 12:33, " . . . give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not . . ." Never be afraid of giving up your best to God, for on that great day God will give you His better—a mansion, a robe, and a crown.

OBITUARIES

COWART

Mrs. Lomie K. Cowart, age 55, a faithful member of the Church of God for many years, died Friday, October 7, 1949, at her home at Shooting Creek, N. C. Surviving are a devoted husband, 2 sons, 2 daughters, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Glover P. Ledford, of Cleveland, Tenn., assisted by the Rev. J. W. Shook, pastor, Shooting Creek Church of God, with burial in the church cemetery.—Mrs. Lura Ledford.

MALLOW

Joseph Perry Mallow, of Cabins, W. Va., died at his home Jan. 22, 1950, at the age of 69 years, 9 months, and 24 days. He is survived by his wife and 4 children.

He was a member of the Church of God at Petersburg, W. Va., for several years, and was faithful unto death. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. W. Vance.

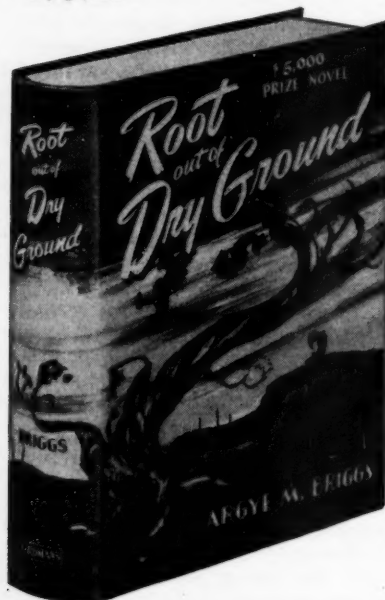
STURCH

On Sept. 27, 1949, Sister Ida Sturch, at the age of 68 years, departed this life to be with Jesus. Sister Sturch joined the Missionary Baptist Church at the age of 16 years and was a loyal member to that denomination until 1929 when she joined the Church of God, at Roosevelt, Ark. She trusted God for both soul and body until her death. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, 4 sons, 2 daughters, and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted at Mt. Zion Church of God, Roosevelt, Ark., by her pastor, Rev. G. G. Prince. The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to all who, in any way, assisted in the sickness or death of our beloved companion and mother.—Her Family.

ROOT OUT OF DRY GROUND

By Argye M. Briggs

shall grow up before him as
a tender plant, and as a root out of a
dry ground



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Surely the ground was dry in which they were planted.

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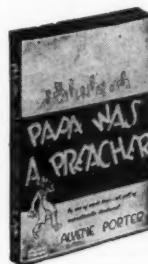
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